

Section 4: Custom Projects

4.1 CUSTOM PROJECTS PAYMENT RATE

Effective upon the launch of the BPA Energy Efficiency Tracking System (BEETS), all custom projects will be submitted using that system. BPA will no longer accept any previous versions of the Option 1 or Option 2 custom project calculator.

In most instances of site-specific calculations (Option 1 Custom Projects, Option 2 Custom Projects, Lighting Calculators, etc.), the current site-to-busbar savings factor being used is 1.11183; however, the BPA lighting calculator uses 1.10816.

BPA’s willingness to pay for a custom project is equal to the lesser of (1) the BPA payment rate (\$/kWh) or (2) 70% of the documented project cost.

Customers may request less than BPA’s willingness to pay, as discussed in Section [2.2 Funding Sources and Savings Allocation](#).

The applicable BPA payment rate (\$/kWh) is the rate in place:

- Option 1 Utilities:
 - When the custom project proposal was approved by BPA; or
 - On the project start date, if no custom project proposal was submitted.
- Option 2 Utilities:
 - On the date the utility approves the custom project as eligible for incentives.

The BPA payment rate is calculated according to the table below:

PROJECT TYPE	MEASURE LIFE (YEARS)	SECTOR	PAYMENT RATE (\$/KWH)
Nonresidential Lighting	All	Agricultural Commercial Industrial	\$0.13
New or Retrofit Construction, Major Renovation (Excluding Nonresidential Lighting)	1	All	\$0.025
	2-3	Agricultural Commercial Industrial Residential	\$0.06
	4-19	Agricultural Commercial Industrial Residential Utility Distribution	\$0.33
		Whole Building New Construction * Commercial Industrial	\$0.35
	20+	Agricultural Commercial Industrial Residential Utility Distribution	\$0.38
New Construction	45+	Residential	\$0.45

*The Whole Building New Construction payment rate must include more than a single measure; otherwise, the single measure payment rate is \$0.33/kWh.

